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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. ☒ Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Response.
2. ☐ Small Entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.  
☐ Enclosed is a verified statement to establish Small Entity status  
☒ Other than a Small Entity
3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

**CALCULATION OF FEES**

Fee:	Number of Claims After Amendment:		Previously Paid For:	No. Extra:	At Rate:	Amount:
Total Claims	31	minus	31	0	\$50	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	minus	3	0	\$200	\$0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					\$360	\$0.00
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIMS:						\$0.00

- ☒ No additional fee for claims is required.

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4. ☐ Attached is a check in the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for additional claims.  
☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
5. **The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply. Complete (a) or (b) as applicable.**

- ☐ (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

	<u>Ext. Mos.</u>	<u>Large entity</u>	<u>Small entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	one month	\$ 120.00	\$ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	two months	\$ 450.00	\$ 225.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	three months	\$1,020.00	\$ 510.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	four months	\$1,590.00	\$ 795.00
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Extension fee due with this request:

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Check enclosed in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.


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- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid thereof of \$\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Extension fee due with this request \$\_\_\_\_.
- OR**
- ☒ (b) **Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.**
6. ☒ **If any additional fee for claims or extension of time is required, charge Account No. 23-3000.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 30, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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